

VOTE BUYING

The Every Evening confesses to great surprise at the following extract from an editorial in last week's Dover Index:

"Vote-buying in Delaware, for the last eight or ten years, has been one of the main issues which has characterized the efforts of both the principal political parties in this State. It is a notorious fact that the Republican party has bought votes. It is equally notorious that the Democratic party has bought votes. Both have been guilty of the offense and the only remaining element in the question to be considered is that of degree."

Common sense should teach every one that in order for this iniquitous practice to thrive as it does in the two lower counties and apparently as openly as any other business, that both parties must do it and thus be precluded from prosecuting their opponents.

But vote buying is not and has not been confined to the Kent and Sussex Counties, as is evidenced by the news columns of Every Evening in every campaign.

As a matter of fact the Democrats have used money in nearly every primary election held in recent years. If not, why their heavy assessment candidates.

The Republicans have assessed their candidates but not more than ten per cent of the amounts levied by the Democrats. In nearly every district in this county there are some "floating" voters, and they do not attempt any concealment of the fact that they are paid. Then again many efforts have been made to corrupt the colored vote, but so far without success.

Only sixteen months ago, the papers were full of the attempt made by a prominent county official to purchase the votes of certain colored men. The great trouble is and has been that there has been no honest effort to convict persons guilty of this offense. In every case brought by the former Attorney-General there were plain evidences of persecution. Let the present Attorney-General have two cases, one a Democrat and the other a Republican brought before him, and if the proper evidence is forthcoming conviction will be had.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY PROTECTED

In the House of Representatives this week the proposition to place the rural free delivery of mail under the contract system was defeated by a vote of about two to one. This defeat was expected and deserved. The pay of the carriers is now \$500 and is very low when consideration is given to the expense of keeping a horse and wagon and the work of traveling from twenty to twenty-five miles per day. To reduce this compensation and award the contract to the lowest bidder would result in a lower efficiency in the service.

The question of cost is of course important, but the question of income is equally so. The confidence of the people along the routes in intelligent and responsible carriers must result in a larger income than will follow a lot of picked up messengers under the contract system. The cost at present of the rural free delivery is not much greater than the cost of city free delivery. It costs between sixty and seventy cents each year to serve mail to every inhabitant of the city, while the cost in the country is about ninety cents.

The most serious argument made for the contract system was the fear of the political effect that might result from the organization of the rural carriers, and this was completely met by the record which shows that no such danger had resulted from the association of city carriers. If these who are so close together have never done harm, how can the rural men miles apart have a harmful organization?

PRINCE HENRY

After a visit of about two weeks during which time he has seen a part of this country east of the Mississippi River, and has been dined and wined wherever he has gone, Prince Henry sailed for home last Tuesday. There can be no doubt that the primary object of his tour, that of having increased the friendship between this country and Germany, has been an immense success. Everywhere he has been met with the greatest enthusiasm, not confined to our citizens of

German birth. He has also had a little opportunity to judge of the vast resources in men, money and facilities of this country for the arts of peace and war. It is reported that he kept a daily record of his experiences and views. This should make interesting reading for his imperial brother, for the Prince has shown himself a keen observer. His short visit to Philadelphia may result in the Cramps securing a contract to build a battleship of the new Maine class for the German government.

"I VOTED FOR HIM BEFORE AND WILL DO SO AGAIN"

When the Levy Court appointed the county constables last Tuesday, Commissioner Armstrong of the Sixth District was the only Democratic member present. He voted for all the caucus nominees of the Republicans. In the list was the name of Jacob Smith, colored, of Mill Creek Hundred, and in casting his vote for this candidate, Mr. Armstrong called attention to the fact by saying, "I voted for him before and will do so again." It was said last year when Mr. Armstrong was one of the "combined" voted for Mr. Smith that he did not know that he was colored. We wonder what excuse will now be made to the "white man's party."

SASSAFRAS ITEMS

A few herring have been caught already this spring.

The daffodils are nodding; I wonder what they know.

William Stradley, of Galena, visited relatives in Sassafras on Wednesday.

The March term of Circuit Court will convene in Elkton on Monday next.

Peach trees are said to be in good condition for a good crop in this vicinity.

Services were held in the M. E. Church on Sunday, Rev. L. Matin preaching.

Dr. E. N. Jeter succeeded in shooting some very fine wild ducks on Tuesday.

Sassafras was well represented at the sale of Alexander Maxwell on Tuesday.

Mr. Harry Bolten, of Middletown, was entertained on Sunday by Mr. Louis Dreka.

Messrs. Jacob T. Shallos and Arnold Stewart each shot a wild goose on Wednesday.

The anniversary of Kent Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Galena, has been indefinitely postponed.

Mrs. Belle Caulk was entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Roberson, of near town.

The Steamer Sassafras began her regular trips to Baltimore from Georgetown on March 6th.

Miss Daisy Hoover, of Cecilton, has been visiting Miss Alice Dreka for several days.

Mr. Jonathan Hodson visited Sassafras friends on Monday. We feel glad he is so much improved.

Rev. J. McLain Brown, of Warwick, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry on Sunday.

It is believed that at least 20,000 quails perished from hunger and cold this winter in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Martha McQuartern has returned to her home after an extended visit to Wilmington relatives.

Mr. Arthur Ford, of Ford's Landing, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Alexander T. Laws, on Wednesday.

There was quite a number from here attended the sale of George W. Padley near Cecilton on Saturday.

Mr. Louis Dreka and sister, Miss Alice, were entertained by Miss Manie Pearce on Wednesday evening last.

We are pleased to learn of the improvement of Mr. Jeremiah Peacock, of Galena, who has been very sick.

Miss Elizabeth Roberson, of near Iron Hill, is the guest of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Roberson, near town.

Mr. Phoenias Jones returned to his home last Saturday, but Mrs. Jones is still in Wilmington owing to illness.

Mr. John Edwards who moved from here to Chestertown the first of the year, visited Sassafras friends on Tuesday.

The ladies of the Chestertown M. E. Church will hold a fair and festival in Chestertown the second week in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and two daughters were the guests of her mother, Mrs. William K. Lookwood, of Warwick, on Sunday.

Mrs. Caroline Johns and daughter, Miss Emma, visited her daughter, Mrs. H. D. Crockett, near Odessa, for several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson Cochran and son were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cochran, near Middletown, on Tuesday.

Rev. A. Weir and daughter, Miss Anna of Massey, were the guests of Miss Virginia Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith on Saturday.

We are sorry to report Mr. Luff Spry was taken seriously ill again on Wednesday afternoon after convalescing from a long illness all winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rosin entertained for several days last week her mother and sister, Mrs. I. P. Smith and Miss Annie Smith, of Galena.

Mrs. Henry Rosin, of near Sassafras; Mrs. Frank Scott, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Frank Sylvester, of Sassafras, visited Miss Mollie Othosen on Wednesday afternoon.

Another one of our bright school teachers of Galena who resigned a few weeks ago, was married last week. Miss Sue C. Taylor married Mr. I. R. Wilson. They will reside in Ohio.

Work again has begun on the new bridge at Georgetown and Fredericktown. The York, Pa., Bridge Company which has the contract has ten men at work

The company will operate the ferry while building the bridge.

The M. E. Conference will be held at Crisfield, and the M. P. Conference at Centerville. This will be the seventy-fourth session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and will convene April 23.

Fishermen have been out in full force this week, and are already dragging for the festive shad. Quite a lot of fish were caught at Fox Hole on Tuesday and brought to Sassafras for sale. Among the lot was some very fine German carp.

On Tuesday there was a large Tribe of gypsies passed through Sassafras, and they camped in the woods of Mr. Harry Price, of near Warwick. On Wednesday another large tribe of them passed through town and they had some very fine horses and ponies.

A. N. Johnson, of the Maryland Geological Survey, was one of the speakers at the meeting of the citizens of Cecil County on Thursday at Elkton, for an improved road system.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Mr. Edgar Ellison spent part of last week with Baltimore friends.

Mr. William Berry spent Saturday and Sunday with Wilmington friends.

Miss Alice R. Settle, of Leeds, Md., spent Sunday with Miss Elsie Berry.

Miss Evelyn Kibler has returned to her home at Town Point after a lengthy visit to Philadelphia friends.

The farmers of this vicinity have employed their force of workmen, and are now busy with their spring work.

Mr. Howard O. Stevens, of Washington College, Chestertown, Md., is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Stevens here.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Pyle was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday evening, March 12th, when their daughter, Miss Anna M. Pyle became the wife of Mr. Willard Stephens. Promptly at 8 o'clock the bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march rendered by Miss M. Lillone Beaton; they were met under a floral bed suspended from the center of the room by Rev. S. M. Perry, of Chesapeake City, and joined in holy matrimony in the presence of a large number of friends. The house was beautifully decorated in evergreen and potted plants. The bride was becomingly gowned in white laces and a veil and carried white roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Carrie Pearce, of near Elkton, who wore white organdie over blue and carried white carnations, and Miss Anna Buckworth who wore white organdie over pink and carried pink carnations. Mr. Howard O. Stevens, of Chestertown, Md., brother of the groom was best man and Mr. Hugh W. Caldwell, of Chesapeake City, was usher. At a later hour the guests were invited to the dining room where a bountiful collation was served. Guests were present from Philadelphia, Elkton, Mt. Pleasant, North East, Cecil, Chesapeake City and Bohemia Manor. The presents were very beautiful and numerous. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens will reside on the farm of Mr. Thomas H. Earlan near Elkton. The young couple have the congratulations of this community.

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WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Mr. C. R. Manlove, of near Middletown, spent Friday in town.

Mrs. Urie P. Ginn, of near town, was a brief visitor in town Friday.

Mrs. Harry Simmons, of near Sassafras, was a visitor in town on Friday last.

Mr. W. J. Lofland who has been very ill for the past two weeks, is slowly convalescing.

Miss E. B. Lofland who has been spending sometime with relatives near Middletown returned home this week.

Mrs. C. R. Manlove, of near town, entertained Mr. S. A. Tobias, of Philadelphia and W. J. Lofland, Jr., of town, on Sunday.

Christian Endeavor to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock. Topic: "A Noble Purpose." Dan. 1:8-20. (Temperance meeting.) Service at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. T. Gunkel who has been on a sojourn in the far West for the benefit of his health, expects to return home this month. His many friends anxiously await his arrival, hoping his trip may prove a success.

The last business meeting of the C. E. Society was held at the home of Mrs. Amos Wilson on Thursday evening last, and after business had been transacted a most enjoyable time was indulged in. The following officers were elected: President, H. C. Kirby; Vice President, Clinton Lynch; Organist, B. W. Gunkel. The remainder of officers will appear in next week's issue.

CARLEVILLE NOTES

Miss Maymie Taylor entertained friends one evening this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Haggerty were in Middletown on Thursday.

Mr. Frank Hessey spent Thursday with his parents near town.

Mr. Peter Haggerty purchased the pony and cart at the sale of Mr. George Padley.

Mr. Thomas Roe, of Massey, attended the sale of Mr. George Padley on Saturday last.

Miss Elsie Spear and Miss Ethel Duhamel spent Sunday with Mrs. Loller at Cecilton.

Miss Blanche Matthews has returned from a visit to her brother's at Summit Bridge, Del.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCoy died on Wednesday afternoon with whooping cough.

There was a "Lunch Box Social" held in the school room on Friday evening for the benefit of the School Library.

On account of the bad roads there was a great number kept from attending the "Box Social" at Cecilton on Thursday evening of last week.

Justice for Bridgeville

Governor Hunn has appointed George W. Willis to be justice of the peace and notary public for Bridgeville. The governor was handed the resignation of Abram Vandegriff, Democrat, who held the office of justice of the peace and notary public for Port Penn. Mr. Vandegriff is believed to be the first Democrat who has relinquished a public office during Gov. Hunn's administration.

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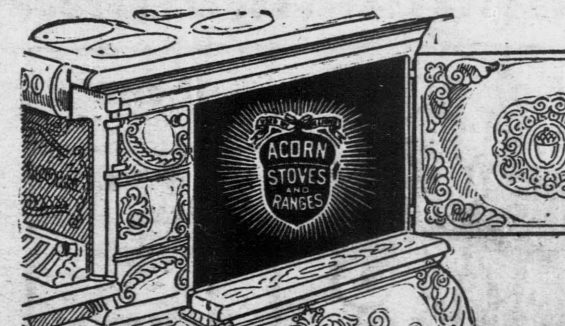
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